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Folks – take a look at my suggested changes.

Here are my goals:

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Here's the draft.

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

Thank you for the letter of February 7, 2020, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting that the EPA delay our final guidance on plant biostimulants to give Congress time to review the U.S. Department of Agriculture's December 2019 report on the status and regulatory review of plant biostimulants.

As you know, EPA's draft "Guidance for Plant Regulator Claims, Including Plant Biostimulants" was released for public comment in March 2019, and the comment period closed in July 2019. The Agency is currently reviewing the comments received and developing responses to those comments.

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Sincerely,

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I am having trouble opening this. How do I do?

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Made some edits. See attached. Let me know if you concur.

Dian

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Will we wait for Congress to determine which of the six paths forward they want to go with before redrafting the guidance?

Dian

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That is what I was getting at, but didn't articulate well. I agree with that assessment.

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I like the draft.

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Any thoughts on this?

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2020, at 10:38 AM, Jones, Russell <Jones.Russell@epa.gov> wrote:

Bob/Dian:

Please review. Dian please let Bob revise/edit first before proceeding on your end for FEAD.
Original letter from Pingree et al is attached for reference.

Enjoy

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